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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TECHNICAL MISSION/SEMINAR
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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REF: MANAMA 514 (NOTAL)

1. USDOC/CAGNE AND AID SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
ARE CONSIDERING CO-FUNDING OF A TECHNICAL MISSION/
SEMINAR IN COOPERATION WITH EPA, TO COVER SEVERAL KEY EN-
VIRONMENTAL INTERESTS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE GULF
COUNTRIES. IMPETUS FOR MISSION DERIVES MAINLY FROM:

PROPOSAL BY DR. OAKLEY, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, EPA, FOR PAN-ARAB ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR FOLLOWING HIS MID-76 VISITS TO KUWAIT AND IRAN; CONSIDERABLE INPUT FROM DR. EDWIN J. BENTZ OF EPA RECENTLY ALSO SERVING AS CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW; DISCUSSIONS WITH WASHINGTON COORDINATOR, REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND THE RESIDENT AID REGIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES EXPERT MANAMA, ROBERT H. T. DODSON

2. RATIONALE MISSION/SEMINAR IS THAT AMERICAN INDUSTRY HAS SPENT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MEET ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSEQUENTLY, U.S. CONSULTANTS AND MANUFACTURERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD HAVE DEVELOPED

SUPERIOR RESOURCES WHICH COULD ASSIST SAUDI ARABIA AND GULF COUNTRIES AT PRESENT DEVELOPMENT STAGE AND COULD LEAD ULTIMATELY TO LARGE-SCALE U.S. EXPORTS ENVIRONMENTAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TO AREA. OF IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE IS ASSISTING AND STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTES AND PROGRAMS OF THOSE COUNTRIES AND ENCOURAGING OFFICIALS CONCERNED THIS FIELD TO LOOK TO U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY AS PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE. ANOTHER IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION IS TO INFLUENCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING CONTRACTS ON MAJOR PROJECT HAVING STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TO INCORPORATE LATEST U.S. TECHNIQUES IN PLANNING STAGE TO AVOID LATER MORE COSTLY CONVERSIONS NECESSARY TO CONTROL EFFLUENTS. BECAUSE OF ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS AND FEAR THAT SUPPLIERS OTHER

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COMPETING COUNTRIES WILL MOVE QUICKLY INTO THIS UNTAPPED FIELD, AGENCIES CONCERNED BELIEVE THIS SPRING IS PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE TIME FOR THIS EVENT AND PURPOSE POST'S CONSIDERATION OF MAY 21 TO JUNE 2 TIME PERIOD.

3. IN SUGGESTING THIS TIME FRAME, WE ARE AWARE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS ARE FREQUENTLY UNAVAILABLE AFTER MAY AND THAT LEAD TIME FOR MISSION VERY SHORT. HOWEVER, PARTICIPATING AGENCIES BELIEVE THAT IF POSTS FIND RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE AND REPORT QUICKLY, MISSION/SEMINAR COULD BE ORGANIZED RAPIDLY AND THAT TIMELY PROGRAM CONTENT WOULD ENCOURAGE ADEQUATE PARTICIPATION BY AREA ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT FORTHCOMING GULF MINISTERIAL MEETING KUWAIT IN OCTOBER COULD OFFER GOOD OPPORTUNITY PRESENT U.S. PROGRAM, POSSIBILITY CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT THIS MEETING AND DIFFICULTIES OBTAINING HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS WOULD MAKE SCHEDULING PROPOSED GOVERNMENT-PRIVATE INDUSTRY MISSION EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

4. MISSION FORMAT ENVISAGED WOULD FEATURE 3-4 INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED U.S. TECHNICAL EXPERTS DRAWN FROM INDUSTRY OR GOVERNMENT TO COVER SUCH TOPICS AS MARINE POLLUTION, AIR QUALITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT RELATING THEIR DISCUSSION TO AREA CONCERNS AND ALSO ADDRESSING TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM U.S.G. ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. THEY WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY SOME SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREMOST COMPANIES IN ENVIRONMENT CONTROL FIELD WHO WOULD PRESENT TECHNICAL EXPOSITIONS THEIR COMPANY'S PRODUCTS OR TECHNOLOGY AND MAKE SEPARATE BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS ALONG THE LINES CONVENTIONAL USDOC TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR DURING THREE DAY SESSION, PREFERABLY AT ONE STOP IN SAUDI ARABIA

AND ONE STOP IN KUWAIT. TEAM WOULD ALSO INCLUDE A CAGNE COORDINATOR TO ALSO ACT AS ADVANCE MAN.
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5. MANY UNKNOWNNS EXIST REQUIRING POST INPUT. ADDRESSEE POSTS REQUESTED TO KEY RESPONSES, AS APPROPRIATE, TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS:

1. WOULD KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (KSIR) BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING SEMINAR IN THIS TIME FRAME?

2. WOULD RIYADH UNIVERSITY (RU) BE INTERESTED SPONSORING SIMILAR SEMINAR. (OTHER POSSIBLE SAUDI ALTERNATIVES ARE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTER, JIDDA, WHOSE DIRECTOR AL-GAIN IN TOUCH WITH BENTZ ON POSSIBLE COOPERATION, AND UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, DHAHRAN WHERE DR. BILL PICKERING, ADVISOR TO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM BENTZ ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM.

3. WHICH TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE AS SEMINAR TOPICS.

4. IF ONLY ONE SPONSOR POSSIBLE, COULD SAUDI OR

KUWAIT SPONSOR DRAW SUCCESSFULLY FROM OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS.

5. ARE THERE OTHER POST SUGGESTIONS AS ALTERNATIVES TO 1 AND 2 ABOVE.

6. WHAT TYPE OF COOPERATION WOULD WE EXPECT FROM SPONSO IN TERMS OF FACILITIES AND COST.

7. ALSO REQUEST POSTS COMMENTS ON SUGGESTED DATES INCLUDING POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH LOCAL HOLIDAYS.

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